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Mr. Bob Dent
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Re: Rico Argentine SIP

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is the Site Inspection Prioritization (SIP) target evaluation report you requested for the Rico Argentine site in Colorado. Based on the report, an Expanded Site Inspection (ESI) will be assigned as resources are available. The ESI will include source characterization samples, residential soil sampling, testing of drinking water wells, and testing of water and sediments in Silver Creek and the Dolores River to identify impacts to wetlands, fisheries, threatened and endangered species habitats and other sensitive environments. Non-sampling data may also be collected such as looking for a release to air by direct observation, locating wetlands, and confirming the presence of threatened and endangered species.

If you are aware of data we have not evaluated which could supersede our need for some of this data collection, now is the time for such data to come forward.

Sincerely,

Pat G. Smith
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Enclosure

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